

# Burnt Bridge Creek Kickoff Meeting

## Source Assessment and TMDL Alternative Restoration Plan

February 2, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



### Meeting Summary - February 2, 2021

The Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership kickoff meeting was held on February 2, 2021. The objective of the meeting was to provide an overview of Ecology's TMDL Alternative process; present results from the Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment; and discuss implementation opportunities, challenges, next steps, and a project timeline.

Approximately twenty-four staff from the City of Vancouver and Washington State Department of Ecology attended the kickoff meeting. A full list of meeting attendees is included at the end of this summary. The [meeting agenda](#) is available online.

### Presentations

The Department of Ecology provided two presentations at the meeting. Devan Rostorfer, Water Quality Specialist, provided an [overview of the Source Assessment and TMDL process](#) and how the [Environmental Protection Agency's Nine Minimum Elements for Watershed Planning](#) will be achieved through the Burnt Bridge Creek Water Cleanup Plan.

Sheelagh McCarthy, Hydrogeologist, [presented the Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment](#). Priorities for water quality improvement include reducing bacteria in the lower and middle Burnt Bridge Creek watershed, and increasing riparian shade in the middle and upper watershed. For more information on water quality in Burnt Bridge Creek, reference the [Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment Report](#). Detailed implementation actions to improve water quality in Burnt Bridge Creek will be developed during the water cleanup planning process in 2021.

### Discussion

A short facilitated discussion followed the two meeting presentations. Participants discussed opportunities to improve water quality in Burnt Bridge Creek through implementation of [stormwater best management practices](#), and through the [Sewer Connection Incentive Program](#). Opportunities to increase tree planting and riparian restoration were also discussed through the City of Vancouver's Greenways and Sensitive Lands Program and through Project Restore. All presentations are available on the Partnership webpage. For more information on water quality in Burnt Bridge Creek, reference the [Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment Report](#).

### Next steps

The [Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership](#) webpage was created to provide public updates throughout the water quality planning process. The webpage will be updated regularly with all meeting agendas, presentations, and meeting summaries.

The Department of Ecology will work with the City of Vancouver from February to June 2021 to gather information relevant to the Water Cleanup Plan. A series of smaller work sessions will be held to develop priorities for stormwater, wastewater, riparian restoration, and other topics. In summer of 2021, a public webinar will be held to update interested stakeholders in the Burnt Bridge Creek watershed and to provide an opportunity for public input. Other jurisdictions that will be engaged through this process are Clark County and Washington Department of Transportation.

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An annual report will be published by January 2022 to highlight water quality planning and implementation progress in the Burnt Bridge Creek watershed. The goal is to publish a final Burnt Bridge Creek Water Cleanup Plan by summer of 2022.

### Meeting Attendees – February 2, 2021

Name	Title	Organization
Annette Griffy	Engineering Manager, Stormwater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Kris Olinger	Senior Civil Engineer, Stormwater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Dorie Sutton	Environmental Scientist, Stormwater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Nikki Guillot	Environmental Scientist, Stormwater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Brett Raunig	Engineering Specialist, Stormwater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Dan Swenson	Interim Public Works Director	City of Vancouver
Tim Buck	Operations Manager, Operations and Maintenance	City of Vancouver
Brian Potter	Storm Superintendent, Operations and Maintenance	City of Vancouver
Tim Esary	Maintenance Supervisor Greenway Tea, Operations and Maintenance	City of Vancouver
Charles Ray	City Urban Forester, Urban Forestry	City of Vancouver
Eric Schadler	Engineering Manager, Wastewater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Sheryl Hale	Senior Civil Engineer, Wastewater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Frank Dick	Senior Civil Engineer, Wastewater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Kasie Auger	Senior Engineer Tech, Wastewater Engineering	City of Vancouver
Tyler Clary	Engineering Manager, Water Engineering	City of Vancouver
Loretta Callahan	Senior Communication Specialist, Public Information	City of Vancouver
Ashley Conley	Water Resources Education Center	City of Vancouver
Jessica George	Education and Outreach Coordinator, Urban Forestry	City of Vancouver
Rich McConaghy	Environmental Resources Manager	City of Vancouver
Devan Rostorfer	Water Quality Specialist (TMDL Lead)	Department of Ecology
Sheelagh McCarthy	Hydrogeologist	Department of Ecology
Lawrence Sullivan	Supervisor	Department of Ecology
Shawn Ultican	Nonpoint Specialist	Department of Ecology
Molly Gleason	Water Quality Monitoring Specialist	Department of Ecology
Christiana Figueroa-Kaminsky	Supervisor	Department of Ecology

### What is the Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership?

The Burnt Bridge Creek watershed located in Vancouver, Washington, is on Washington State's polluted waters list (303d list) for warm water temperatures, bacteria, dissolved oxygen, and pH pollution problems, which drives the need to develop a Water Cleanup Plan. In October 2020, the [Burnt Bridge Creek Source Assessment Report](#) was published to identify critical areas for water quality improvement. This Source Assessment identifies portions of Burnt Bridge Creek that are not meeting water quality standards. The report also identifies the largest shade deficits in the watershed to focus tree planting efforts, and determines the bacteria reductions needed to meet water quality standards.

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To implement recommendations from the Source Assessment, the [Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership](#) was formed in February 2021 to develop and implement the Water Cleanup Plan. This Water Cleanup Plan will focus on best management practices and implementation actions to improve water quality. The Partnership will meet regularly through 2022.

### Questions?

If you have questions or comments about the Burnt Bridge Creek Partnership, please contact Devan Rostorfer, Water Quality Specialist at the Washington State Department of Ecology at [dros461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:dros461@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-409-6693

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